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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...for wrongdoing, and those should be our bright line standards.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Landis. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 495. On the Beutler amendment to the Schimek amendment to LB 1021, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I'm just sitting here thinking about how this may impact me or some friends. And I first thought it's probably not going to have any impact, but I'm involved in a family farm operation and I know there's some people here involved in insurance businesses, and if you sell enough seed, because we do sell seed for a major seed company, they may offer us a trip. And I'm in partnership with two brothers, maybe it's my turn to take the trip. Senator Beutler, if you would answer a question or two. Would...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...if they would send me on a cruise that would be...the value would be in excess \$1,000, would I be in violation of your proposed amendment here?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, in...in...it would not be my intent, definitely not to include situations like that because, in my view of the matter, a bonus from a company that you're working for, that's based upon the relationship with them and the work that you do, is in fact a form of compensation and not a gift. And likewise with regard to that particular item, that's an aspect of compensation as far as I'm concerned. I don't think any of those situations would be...would be affected.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Ah...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I do think that Senator Landis' example of a gift from an individual that wanted to give a \$1,000...more than \$1,000 to his wife, that would be one thing you'd be cutting